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1. A method of prevention sulfidation of metals comprising the steps of:

adding to a fluid including a sulfiding compound an effective amount of a preventative composition, where the composition reduces or prevents sulfidation by deactivating metal sites involved in the formation of atomic sulfur and/or sulfides at or on a surface of the metal.

- 2. A method of stopping sulfidation of metals comprising the steps of:
- adding to a fluid including a sulfiding compound an effective amount of a preventative composition, where the composition stops or arrests further sulfidation of the metal by deactivating metal sites involved in the formation of atomic sulfur and/or sulfides at or on a surface of the metal.
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